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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINR, OVIP (STEPHANSEN, CASPAR)
SUBJECT: VISIT OF MOD SECRETARY GENERAL TO WASHINGTON, APRIL 21

1. THE FOLLOWING IS A BIOGRAPHIC SUMMARY ON CASPAR STEPHANSEN:
RESUME OF CAREER: STEPHANSEN (B. JULY 23, 1923) THE SENIOR CIVIL
SERVANT IN THE DEFENSE MINISTRY, RECEIVED HIS BACHELOR OF LAW
DEGREE FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF OSLO IN 1950. PRIOR
TO HIS LAW STUDIES, HE WAS IN THE CRIMINAL POLICE
SERVICE. HIS MINISTRY SERVICE BEGAN IN 1951 AS A
SECRETARY IN THE FINANCE MINISTRY BEFORE CHANGING TO
THE DEFENSE MINISTRY IN 1952 AS A CONSULTANT. DURING
THIS PERIOD HE SERVED AS A MEMBER OF NORWAY'S NATO
DELEGATION AT PARIS. HE LATER MOVED ON TO BECOME
CHIEF OF THE DIVISION HANDLING INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS.
HE ATTENDED THE NATO DEFENSE COLLEGE AND UPON COMPLETION
OF THE COURSE BECAME HEAD OF ANOTHER DIVISION WITHIN
THE MOD. FROM 1970-72, STEPHANSEN SERVED AS SECRETARY
GENERAL FOR DEFENSE AFFAIRS WITH THE NORWEGIAN DELEGATION
TO NATO IN BRUSSELS. HE THEN BECAME DIRECTOR GENERAL,
DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL IN THE MOD AND WAS PROMOTED
TO HIS PRESENT POSITION ON SEPT 15, 1974.

STEPHANSEN HAS BEEN A VERY HELPFUL FRIEND OF EMBOFFS
FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS. HE IS COMPETENT, STRAIGHTFORWARD
AND HAS IMPRESSED US OVER THE YEARS WITH HIS ABILITY
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TO GET THINGS DONE. AS AN ABLE BUREAUCRATIC OPERATOR,
HE IS A GOOD COUNTERPOINT TO HIS MORE ACADEMIC BOSS,
DEFENSE UNDER SECRETARY JOHAN JORGEN HOLST.

2. WE ASSUME THAT LTCOL NAESS WILL ACCOMPANY STEPHANSEN
ON HIS CALLS (OSLO 1463). BOTH STEPHANSEN AND NAESS
HAVE INDICATED THEIR DESIRE THAT HE DO SO, AND AS

WE STATED WE BELIEVE IT IS IN EVERYONE'S INTEREST THAT
HE ACCOMPANY STEPHANSEN.

3. WE WILL FORWARD STEPHANSEN/NAESS FLIGHT ARRIVAL
INFORMATION AND HOTEL SEPTTEL ASAP.
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